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Family Planning

* 95 *Q.*—Sri A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the number of men and women who have been sterilized under the Family Planning Scheme in the Madras City in 1958–59 and 1959–60?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : The number of men and women who underwent sterilization (Vasectomy and Salpingectomy) in Government Hospitals in the City during the years referred to are as follows :—

	Men.	Women.
1958	325	879
1959	436	855
1960	382	461
(Up to 30th May 1960)		

Sri A. A. RASHEED : May I know whether Government are offering any inducement to both men and women who undergo this operation? If so, what is the amount that the Government give to them?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : Government are paying Rs. 30 for every case. This is to meet conveyance and loss of emoluments for one or two days on which they would not be able to attend to work immediately after the operation.

Sri A. A. RASHEED : May I know whether Government have received any complaints that unmarried girls and bachelors have been sterilized in some hospitals? If so, may I know whether there is any proposal before Government to stop such kind of sterilization?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : That cannot come under this scheme. In this scheme only women above 24 and men below 50 and only if they have three children and more will be operated. That is the rule. But if any sterilization takes place as suggested by the hon. Member, then it must be at their initiative.

Sri K. VINAYAKAM : Is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that a local daily is carrying on an outright and scurillous propaganda against this family planning? If so, may I know what steps Government have taken to put down such kind of anti-social elements?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : Government are making available to the public various methods of family planning and sterilization is one of them. With regard to non-sterilization methods I think even the Pope (I have read so in the papers) had no objection to non-surgical methods. If anybody wants sterilization it is done voluntarily.

Sri K. VINAYAKAM : Does this Government believe in this kind of propaganda directed against the present methods of family planning and if so may I know why Government should not take

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effective steps to check this anti-national propaganda carried on by some local daily indulging in this kind of scurillous and anti-family planning propaganda?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : We are aware that certain papers are making anti-propaganda as it were. In due course that matter also may be looked into.

Bicycle tax

* 96 *Q.*—SRI M. P. SARATHI : கனம் ஸ்தல ஸ்தாபன அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) 1960-ல் எத்தனை நகர மன்றங்கள் (Municipalities) சைக்கில் வரியை (Bicycle tax) ரத்து செய்ய அரசாங்க அனுமதியைக் கோரின ?

(ஆ) எந்தெந்த நகர மன்றங்கள் ?

(இ) அனுமதி வழங்கப்பட்டனவா ?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : (அ) to (இ) During 1960, the municipal councils of seven towns, viz., Periakulam, Cuddalore, Dindigul, Thanjavur, Madurai, Tuticorin and Pudukkottai sought sanction for the abolition of cycle tax. Sanction was not accorded in any case.

SRI S. M. ANNAMALAI : ஸார், அப்படி "சாங்ஷன்" கொடுக்காமல் இருக்கக் காரணம் என்ன ?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : இந்த வரியை குறைப்பதன் காரணமாக வேறு பல முன்னேற்ற வேலைகள் தடைப்படுகின்றன. அதிகமான அளவு முனிசிபாலிடிகள் இந்த வரியை ரத்து செய்து விட்டு அதற்கு ஈடான பணத்தை அரசாங்கம் தரவேண்டுமென்று கேட்டார்கள். அரசாங்கம் அதைக் கொடுக்க முடியாது. இந்த மாதிரி குறைந்த அளவில் போடும் வரி ஒருவரையும் பாதிக்காது.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : May I know, Sir, what is the amount of income these municipalities are getting by way of cycle tax?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : The income of these municipalities are as follows :—

	RS.
Periakulam	2,400
Cuddalore	7,600
Thanjavur	8,000
Pudukkottai	6,200
Tuticorin	9,700
Tindivanam	7,000
Salem	12,600